

# TRIBAL TRIBUNE

The Official Publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

VOLUME 34, NUMBER 7

July Edition

July 24, 2008

## INSIDE

Council Corner .....	2	Health News.....	7
Tribal News .....	3	Tribal Voices.....	8
Community News .....	4,5	Ceremony of Tears.....	9
Resources .....	6	Classifieds.....	16

## Colville Business Council 2008 AUGUST PER CAPITA

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation-Colville Business Council, please be advised there will be no disbursement of the 2008 August Per Capita. When preparing and finalizing the budget for the year 2008, the August Per Capita was not included, resulting in no disbursement of the 2008 August Per Capita. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Colville Business Council representative in your district at 509-634-2200. Thank you.

## Colvilles Halt Construction of New Casino in Omak



Justina Campbell Photo

**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY --** The Ground Breaking Ceremony was held July 7th at what was to be the new site for the casino. Pictured are representatives from the Colville Business Council, CTEC, Womer & Associates, Woodstone Construction and Key Bank.

NESPELEM, WA, JULY 15, 2008—The Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation today ordered work stopped at the Omak Casino site, following the inadvertent discovery of human remains.

“We have no choice but to stop the excavation and all construction at the site,” CBC Chairman Jeanne Jerred said today. “Nothing is

more important than the protection of our sacred sites. We require others to adhere to our laws and regulations to protect archeological and prehistoric sites, and we can do no less ourselves.”

Groundbreaking for the new casino took place on July 7. Since

**New Casino**  
*Continued on page 6*

## Potluck Luncheon Held for Eddie Covington



Roger Jack Photo

By Roger Jack  
Tribal Tribune Journalist

Eddie Covington (wearing white tee shirt) of Nespelem, and his sister Pauline Stensgar (wearing white visor) of Keller were honored with a picnic in the Colville agency park on June 29th. Several members of the men’s and women’s sweatlodge group sought to honor the tribal elders for allowing them to use their land and nearby flowing Little Nespelem creek for the ancient purification rite. The elders also serve as teachers to each and everyone who participates in the sweat; young and old alike. Joining in the fun, picnic festivities included other elders of the tribe, including Ellen Moses of Nespelem (seated

next to Pauline) and Elizabeth Davis of Omak. Standing are Sidney Pakootas, Geraldine Sam, and Alex Sam all of Nespelem.

Especially enjoyable to elders, much of our Indian foods were served at the picnic, including salmon, dried deermeat, camas, bitterroots, fry bread, and the usual barrage of picnic foods such as hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, and the like. A few younger folks talked of their experiences in the sweathouse and how it helped in the physical and spiritual senses of their lives. But, all in all, much appreciation was given the tribal elders and all who unselfishly teach the ways of our people, expecting nothing in return except to carry on our customs.

## Colville Business Council Take Oath of Office

### Jeanne Jerred Third Woman to Serve as Chairman of CCT

NESPELEM, WA, JULY 10, 2008— The newly-elected Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation today took their oaths of office, and for the third time in the Tribes’ history elected a woman to serve as Chair of the Council.

Acting BIA Superintendent Bonnie Jamison administered the oaths of office to this year’s newly-elected members. As part of their reorganization process the Council selected Jeanne Jerred, from Keller, as Chairman.

“It is an honor and a great privilege to accept this position,” Chairman Jerred said today. “I am confident that our Council will continue to work hard for our membership, for the steady improvement of our governmental services, and for the continued preservation and protection of our tribal sovereignty. I am grateful to Chairman Marchand for his years of service, and thank all the outgoing members of the Council for their hard work.”

Recently-elected Councilman

**Colville Business Council**  
*Continued on page 7*



**SACRED OATH --** Bonnie Jamison, Deputy Regional Director, BIA and Acting BIA Superintendent administers the Oath of Office to the seven newly elected members of the Colville Business Council on July 10th. Pictured (L to R) Bonnie Jamison - Acting BIA Superintendent for Colville Agency, John Gonzales - Executive Director, Harvey Moses, Jr., Juanite Warren, Carleen Anderson, Jeanne Jerred, Michael Finley, Ernie Williams and Gene Joseph.

## Mission to the World completes half-decade this year



Mission to the World stayed at the Nespelem Community center the last week of June, helping all around the Nespelem and Inchelium Communities. They will be in Omak towards the end of July. Cary Rosenbaum II Photo

By Cary Rosenbaum II  
Tribal Tribune Journalist

For the past five years, Dave and Bernadine Krueger of Mission to the World have assembled church groups from across the nation to come to the Nespelem community center for a week-long stay to assist the elders, the needy and the handicap Colville Tribal members, along with providing Vacation Bible School during the day.

This year’s group included church “team’s” from the North, South, East and Western portions of the United States.

“We’re from the Mission to the World headquarters in Lawrenceville, Georgia,” Krueger said. “As far

as people here there is a girl from California, team of seven from Georgia, team of 26 from Kent Washington, team of 10 from New Jersey and a team of seven from Maryland. Most of these are returned.”

Krueger said that attendees are asked to uphold a three-year commitment to get to know the members of the area and develop relationships.

“We’re not only here to do things for people that need things done, but also develop relationships so that they see our hearts and not just have them thinking we’re just doing

**Mission to the World**  
*Continued on page 10*

## Colville Tribes Implement Four-Day Work Week Beginning August 4

NESPELEM, WA—The Colville Tribes will implement a “4-10’s” workweek on a trial basis beginning August 4, the Tribes’ Executive Director announced today. Non-emergency tribal programs will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We’re implementing a compressed workweek to help reduce

energy and fuel costs for the Tribes and for our employees,” Colville’s Executive Director John Gonzales said. “Given the significant increases in gas prices and the long distances many of our employees must travel to work, we’ve been looking at ways

**Four-Day Work Week**  
*Continued on page 7*

## The Mourning Dove called and the Salmon came to Omak Creek



Roger Jack Photo

On June 19th and 20th a Salmon Ceremony was held at Omak Creek, just across the highway from Paschal Sherman Indian School. You see, salmon’s running up Omak Creek again. For years and years our

salmon were stopped by the Biles-Coleman saw mill and all the sludge that filled the creek. But for several

**Omak Creek Salmon**  
*Continued on page 10*

## Reservation Fires

By Justina Campbell  
Tribal Tribune Intern

With such a busy start to this year’s fire season the Mount Tolman Fire Center has utilized many of its own resources as well as receiving

help from local contract engines and equipment, Type 2 helicopters, Smoke Jumpers, and water tenders, not to mention the many tribal

**Reservation Fires**  
*Continued on page 10*



Indian Country

By Michael E. Marchand

Thank You:  
First, it has been an honor to be allowed to serve the tribe. My only regret is that my mother did not live long enough to see me become Chairman. She was a young Councilwoman, being elected at about 27 and her father John Cleveland was a former Chairman also. My grandfather played a big role in getting the reservation lands restored to us, which had been taken out of our domain and put under the national forest due to the allotment era. He was also one of the founders for some important organizations such as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Some of my other great grandpas and relatives were Chiefs in the olden days and included people such as Aurapahkin, the last hereditary Chief of the Arrow Lakes people, Silcosasket of the Entiats, John Harmelt of the Wenatchee, Chief Moses, and others. So it is an honor to be allowed to be a leader for this great tribe as did my ancestors. Accomplishments in the last 12 years:  
1st Vice President of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians: Getting chosen to lead the Northwest tribes by the 57 sovereign tribes of the Northwest was an honor. It also put me into a position to bring millions and millions of dollars back to our tribe and gave the Colvilles a front row seat to improve the federal and state policies that affect our sovereignty and program budgets and services. It was also an honor to be friends with the other leaders of tribal nations and national leaders from the Congress and also people in the State such as Governor Gregoire and others.  
Land Purchases:  
In the last twelve years, we have made major land purchases. The former Biles-Coleman timber properties and mill are now owned by the tribe and this amounts to over 20,000 acres of lands that are with us forever now. We have also purchased lands in Arrow Lakes lands in Canada, lands in the North Half, and lands in the Moses Columbia Reservation.  
Paschal Sherman Indian School:  
Our next generation is the most important thing to our people and

they need to be educated in order to survive. When I first go onto Council, everyone from our own tribe on up to Congress said that getting a new school was impossible but we now have one. We persisted and spent a lot of time in Washington DC, and we were successful in getting Congress to fund \$19 Million for the new school which is the most beautiful school in the country and something our tribe can be proud of.  
Omak Longhouse:  
Omak was skipped over for decades for a longhouse. This was a priority given to me by my daughter, Mary. She said Omak needed a longhouse and she wanted a place to hold powwows to invite her friends to. I want to thank the other Council for supporting Omak. The building eventually cost over \$2 Million and is used by hundreds of people year around now. Unfortunately, my daughter died in a car wreck and never did get to hold her powwows. So we did hold some powwows there in her honor. In the first year we brought in a number of drum groups, including Zotigh from Albuquerque, and dancers came from all over the USA and Canada. Their songs and dancers must have had a lot of power because in that first year we also had the first coming back of the salmon and steelhead in Omak Creek in over 89 years. That is the same year we removed the blockage off the creek from the old railroad. So a lot of good things started to happen.  
Wenatchee Fisheries:  
We have fought our way through the courts and injunctions against big odds and this spring our members have been catching hundreds of salmon in the Icicle Creek. We made a strong court case in Portland this spring and now are waiting for a final decision from the judge in federal court.  
Columbia River Initiative Funding:  
All of my life, I have heard our elders lament the fact that our water is taken into the Columbia basin and we don't get a cent for it, but they get rich. We approached the Governor, made our case, and she agreed. We had experts calculate our water needs for power and fish and marinas and it was determined that the water that

the Governor wanted did not affect our interests or water rights. But getting the waster was a big issue to the state and we made them pay. We will now get millions and millions of dollars each year in perpetuity for the economic development from the state. We exercised our sovereignty by signing this deal and we are now major players on Columbia River issues, whereas before our previous leaders and tribe were totally ignored.  
Omak Casino:  
The way has been cleared to begin construction on the new Omak Casino. Our market studies indicate that we can make major increases in our profits by building a newer and better casino on this site. This facility will start construction this summer, after some spring delays due to permitting requirements, but it will be in business next year. The money to build the casino is in place now. Work in also beginning on negotiating a new lease at Chelan and we are also looking at some additional sites for casinos in areas such as Barney's Junction and at Moses Lake and in the Cashmere area.  
Recommendations for Future:  
Education is important. We are having problems right now with filling our jobs because our people lack educations. We need people to get through high school and we need people to get through college also. We also need a healthy workforce and that is another major problem. Today we have a lot of people with alcohol and drug problems and this causes problems. Our mills have some of the highest employee turnovers and bad attendance of any mill in the world. This causes decreased revenues and hurts operations. This also hurts our chances of attracting outside investors and companies for new jobs and businesses; they look at the performance and education levels of our existing workforce.  
We need to diversify the economy. Right now we are timber dependent. Prices have collapsed, stumpage is worth less for our trees and our wood products are worth less also. This market has not bottomed out yet. We need to be in other industries that are not in the same business cycle slump. This is the worst timber market on record and it is not in our control. If we want to stay competitive we also need to get our forests environmental certifications to access more customers.  
Timber supply is also a major problem. Our mills need about a 100 million board feet of timber each year to operate. But we have been able to get about 60 million board feet of timber from our forest each year. The plan calls for 78 million board feet, and the plan itself is probably on the low side, though this is debatable of course. We were told by foresters when the plan was adopted that the forest grows at a rate that would allow for a 100 million board feet of harvest each year. A political decision was made by Council to adopt the lower figure of 78; this was not based on environmental capability of the forest. The tribe actually cut 120 million board feet of timber for almost a century and we are now on roughly the third cutting of the forest over all. The forest is a renewable resource and needs to be harvested, thinned, and taken care of constantly. People think that leaving the forest alone and not logging is good for it, but his is not true. On its own, the forest will degenerate, bug problems will increase, fire hazard will increase, and it will eventually burn itself down, this is what happened in Yellowstone Park.  
The Arrow Lakes lands need to be won back. We need to be pursuing Wenatchee lands and also Moses Columbia lands. We should also be getting our shares of buffalo now being surplused out in Montana, for our people traditionally also utilized lands in the Yellowstone, Bozeman, and Great Falls areas of Montana. So this will all cost a lot of money, which means that we need to have a strong economy. We need to have an educated and healthy tribal membership to have a strong economy; it is all inter-related of course. We also need to keep a strong cultural presence in all of these areas if we are to have any hope of asserting our claims.  
So, thanks again, mostly right now, I want to go fishing and hunting. Some universities and organizations are offering me jobs already, but I would like to take some time off, it has been 12 years without a break now. So, after some time, then I will decide what I want to do, whether to stay in politics or do something else. We have the best reservation here and the people I care about are here, so I am looking forward to this summer.

Finley Report

By Michael O. Finley

Greetings fellow Colville Tribal members! I hope everyone is taking in all the warm weather we've been having lately. I must admit it's been hectic these past few months and looking ahead it doesn't appear that it will let up. There are several projects I've been working on and wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on a few of them.  
Las Vegas Business Venture:  
Some of you are aware of the Las Vegas business venture that several Indian tribes are investing in, which includes the Muckleshoot and Shoshone Bannock. These tribes are working in concert with a Las Vegas gaming company to construct a high end Vegas style casino on the south end of the Vegas Strip. Construction is slated to begin sometime next year. The Muckleshoot tribe is spearheading the project along with the aforementioned Vegas based gaming company. Myself, along with one other councilperson, negotiated the details of this proposed investment relative to possible Colville involvement. This process began for us when we traveled to Las Vegas for "Res 08" in March this year where we met with these groups. Subsequently, representatives from Vegas and Muckleshoot presented their project to council in early May this year. We meanwhile met with our financiers and formulated an investment plan feasible for our Tribe.  
Indeed, the details of this investment are complicated, but the prospects unparalleled. Needless to say all these details are now irrelevant, because when it came time to throw our hat into the ring, the majority of the council rejected the offer. Disappointingly, several of my fellow colleagues that had supported the deal in the beginning, balked, and voted against it. To their defense, however, there were several risk factors in this investment, but the fact remains that there's risk in any investment. One of the main "risks" centered on the fact that the Vegas group didn't have a letter of intent from their foreign investors who at the time had only verbally showed interest in financing the remaining portion of the project. These "risks" appear to be no longer on issue, however, as I was advised in early July that the Vegas group had received their letter of intent from their foreign partners and construction will commence as planned. Had the letter of intent arrived before council declined, the

outcome might have been different.  
ITMA on Indian Trust Funds:  
John Stensgar and I have taken up this difficult charge. For those who aren't aware, ITMA (Inner Tribal Monitoring Association) was organized in 1990 by tribes determined to actively monitor and have a voice in the activities of the Federal government to ensure fair compensation to tribes for the historical trust funds mismanagement. Today, ITMA is a national tribal consortium consisting of 65 federally recognized tribes, whose purpose and objectives have increased as it follows the trust reform activities of the Federal government and Congress. Their headquarters are located in Albuquerque, N.M. ITMA is sponsoring a suit against the federal government for a Tribal Trust Fund Settlement. Along with the CCT, there are several other tribes included in this suit as a pilot project.  
In November 2004, ITMA and the Department of Interior (DOI) Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) entered into a cooperative agreement to establish the Tribal Trust Fund Settlement (TTFSP). The TTFSP is divided into two phases. Phase I of the TTFSP provides for the development of one or more methodologies in order to provide possible approaches for Indian tribes and the U.S. to reach partial agreements on a comprehensive settlement of tribal trust fund account balances for the period between 1972 and 1992. Phase II of the TTFSP involves the application of the Phase I methodologies to the respective accounts of the Phase II participating tribes in an effort to reach an agreement on such tribes' respective account balances for the period between 1972 and 1992. I'm happy to announce that the methodology section of Phase I was recently completed and was subsequently approved by the CBC.  
We realize, however, that the CCT has had related problems outside the timeframe chosen (1972-1992). This timeframe was selected as a starting point to coincide with the reconciliation reports that the Arthur Anderson accounting firm prepared and disseminated to tribes in the mid-1990s on behalf of the federal government. We have used this report as a starting block in developing the aforementioned methodology, but since the report obviously lacks other important and pertinent information, including (among others) missing time periods, we will consider

adapting this methodology to cover other time periods or trust-related claims. We hope to try and reach a settlement for these tribal trust fund claims with the federal government in the coming years.  
I cannot stress enough that this is a tribal trust funds claim relating to non-investment disbursements and is NOT a claim for asset mismanagement. They are two entirely different issues that require separation. Once we have a process in place (i.e. Phases I and II), we might consider a suit for asset mismanagement, among others. I realize this might all sound confusing, and believe me it is, but rest assure we're trying our best to hold the government accountable for trust mismanagement issues. It's just going to take time.  
OST Debit Card Program:  
This program came to my attention while attending the ITMA board meeting in Albuquerque. It's a debit card service available to members of federally recognized tribes, including the CCT. This service provides a debit card for all IIM account holders which was established by the Office of Special Trustee (OST), U.S. Department of the Treasury, and JP Morgan Chase Bank. This card offers IIM beneficiaries the convenience and security of receiving trust funds electronically, rather than by check. This will eliminate check-cashing fees, a burden that most check-cashing individuals have endured until now. With this debit card, you will get your funds faster, even if you don't have a bank account. Instead of receiving a check, OST will directly transfer your current and future trust funds (automatically) into your debit card account for your access. However, just as with a check or direct deposit, once the funds have been transferred to a debit card account, they are no longer trust funds. Each time your card is used, the amount of your purchase or withdrawal will be deducted automatically from the balance of the card. Like any other debit card, you can use your card at many ATM locations to get cash, make purchases, or buy money orders. There's no enrollment fee necessary. For more information call 1-888-678-6836.  
I will share additional developments in future reports. Until next time, I'm open to hearing your suggestions, concerns or ideas.  
Lim Limpt,  
Michael Finley

Seth H. Brooks Battles Osteosarcama Cancer



We the family of Seth H. Brooks are asking friends, and community members for their help in raising funds to assist the Brooks family while their son Seth undergoes chemotherapy. Seth 15 years old, Colville Tribal member, and a sophomore at Omak H.S. was diagnosed in June with Osteosarcoma (Bone Cancer) in his right leg. There are nine hundred cases of this cancer in the United States. Four hundred of the nine are children and two hundred out of that are male. He is one of the unfortunate with this type of cancer. Seth is currently undergoing chemotherapy at Children's Hospital in Seattle. His parents Snee-na (Ernest) and Cesilia Brooks have three other children at home. They both work in Okanogan and have taken time off work to be with their son. Seth will have to be in Seattle for at least nine months undergoing Chemo. Family and

friends will be scheduling many events to help raise money for them. Some of the events will include a comedy and music festival, huge yard sales, raffles, Indian taco feed and many more. The proceeds and all financial donations will be deposited at the Washington Mutual Bank in Omak; these funds will be

used to help the Brooks family with transportation, housing, and food.  
The Brooks, Cano, Watt, and Zacherle Families appreciate your donations.  
For questions or to donate items contact Barbara Watt 846-1141, Theresa Ramirez 422-2424 or Angel Cano 429-8328.

**WANT TO ADVERTISE?**

**Classified and Display Advertising**

Classified and Display Advertising Available.

Call for advertising rates and consultations.

Monday through Friday  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Walk-in Customer Service at Colville Communication Services, Nespelem Community Center, Colville Indian Agency Campus, Nespelem, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**CONTACT OUR OFFICE**

**To Reach The Tribal Tribune**

Call (509) 634-2266  
(509) 634-2223  
Fax (509) 634-4617

**Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Copy Deadlines**

Copy Deadlines for All Copy Except Advertisements

Due by 4:00 P.M. on dates posted

**MANAGEMENT**

**Acting Managing Editor**  
Spirit Peoples - 634-2223  
e-mail: editor.tribune@colvilletribes.com

**Staff Journalists**  
Cary Rosenbaum II - 634-2266  
e-mail: cary.rosenbaum2@colvilletribes.com

Roger Jack - 634-2266

The Official Publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Published monthly by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, "Tribal Tribune, Post Office Box 150, Nespelem, Washington 99155".

TOLL FREE 1-888-881-7684

www.colvilletribes.com

**Comedy & Music Festival**  
**August 23rd 6:00 p.m. til Midnight**  
**at the Omak Tribal Long House**

Vaughn EagleBear

Coyote X

Lux Deveraul

Stan Timentwa

**Featuring**

**Open to all Comedians & Musicians**

**Door Prizes**

**Tickets \$10.00**

**Concessions**

**All proceeds will go to Seth H. Brooks Osteosarcoma Cancer Patient**

**For more information call 846-1141, or 422-2424**









Happy 5th Birthday Lacey  
Love Mom  
July 31st



Happy Birthday Son !!  
Love Mom  
June 10th



Happy Birthday Brianna  
Love Mom  
August 24



Happy "10th" Birthday to you,  
Lachelle Bearcub!  
On July 27, 2008!  
We Love you very much  
Grandpa Adam and Grandma  
BJ and ALL the Family!



Happy Birthday Jamie Kensler!  
ALL your family loves you  
Very much. Have a great year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE  
DENNY!  
LOVE YA  
THE ENSMINGER CREW



Happy 26th Birthday Nick  
Bearcub on July 9th!  
We Love you Very Much!  
Love Dad, BJ and all  
Your sisters and brothers!



"Happy 1st Birthday,  
James Jo Kensler!  
We Love You Very Much!  
Dad, Grandma BJ and Grandpa  
Adam, Sis and all your Aunts  
and Uncles!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
GRANDMA!!  
WITH LOTS OF LOVE  
ALL THE GRANDKIDS



Happy Birthday Roxanne  
Campbell  
July 9th

Justina Campbell  
May 22nd  
Received A.A. from  
SFCC June 2008.



Happy Belated 2nd Birthday  
Roman Michael – May 14th.



Mikie and Patricia  
"Glad to be alive at 55"



**Dillan Adam Yazzie**  
Janelle M. Bearcub and Desmond  
Anthony Yazzie of Grand coulee are  
pleased to announce the birth of their  
son on Friday,  
July 11, 2008 at Coulee Community  
Hospital at Grand Coulee. Dillan  
Adam Yazzie weighed 6 lbs., 2  
oz. and was 20 inches in length at  
birth.  
Maternal grandparents are Adam  
and BJ Bearcub of Coulee Dam.  
Paternal grandparents are Jennifer  
Joseph of Nespelem and Frank  
Yazzie of Elmer City and Tonalea,  
Ariz.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUNTIE  
DARCY!!  
WE LOVE YOU  
CASEY, BEAR, LELAND,  
RUDA, XANDER, PAY PAY  
MAE MAE, BUBBA, AND SAGE



Congratulations on your  
graduation from Head Start and  
Happy 5th Birthday – July 18th



Happy Birthdays to Joanne Fry  
- July 2nd/ T. Fry – July 4th



Happy belated 19th Birthday,  
Kara-Jean, 4/13/1989  
Love, the family



Happy 3rd Birthday Ike from  
your whole family



"Happy Anniversary  
Rob & Jolene"  
5 years and counting!  
All our love,  
The Marchand family



Happy Birthday to our beloved  
son and brother, Jobe –  
Augusts 20  
Love you so much, Jobe.  
Mom, Dad and Kerry



Happy belated 8th birthday  
Adyna May Thomas, 4/24/2000  
Love, Dad, Gramma, Kara,  
Sheree & family



Happy birthday on your  
81st birthday, 7/4/2027  
Love, your children and your  
grandchildren



Happy 6th birthday  
Joshua Thomas, 7/5/2002  
Love, Dad, Gramma, Kara,  
Sheree & family



Happy Birthday to the  
Senator Boys!  
Eli Joseph, 13 on June 7th. A  
teenager, we're in for it now! Enjoy  
your summer. You are a great kid and  
we are proud of you!  
Jamie Kincade, 3 on May 25th.  
You are all boy--fishing, running,  
jumping, dirt, rocks, bugs, sticks,  
more fishing--and so much fun!  
Our baby boy, Gavin Jacob will  
be ONE on August 23rd. You are a  
clever bundle of energy, with two big  
brothers to keep up with, and you are  
one tough boy!  
With all our love,  
Mom & Dad  
(Elizabeth & Norman)



*Wishing you a  
Happy 30th wedding  
anniversary and wishing  
you two many more.*

From: sons John (LJ),  
Eric; daughter-in-law Tasha  
Ironwing & grandkids  
Konthohe, Jazz, Nikki, Dream,  
Logan & Bishop



**Happy Anniversary  
Babe!**

Derek and Rena Whiteman  
celebrated their one year  
anniversary on 7/7/08. They  
were married on 7/7/07 at the  
Banks Lake Golf Course in  
Electric City.

#### Cory Baptise Adolph-Donley

Therese Frances Donley and  
Lucas Anthony Adolph of Nespelem,  
Washington are pleased to announce  
the birth of their new baby boy  
born on June 11, 2008 at Coulee  
Community Hospital. Cory Baptise  
Adolph-Donley weighed 7 pounds, 2  
ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches  
at birth.

Sibling is Hunter Johnathan  
Palmer, age 4 years.

Maternal grandparents are Alma  
Grunlose of Davenport, Philip  
Grunlose of Bridgeport, Douglas  
Donley of Elk, Shanon Donley of  
Elk.

Paternal grandparents are Jackie  
Nanamkin of Elmer City, Cycil  
Antoine of Coulee Dam.

Great-grandparents are Johnny B.  
Smith and Norine Smith (deceased),  
Kay and Phillip Grunlose of Elmer  
City, Kenny Adolph (deceased) and  
Alex Antoine (deceased).

#### Derek Amadeus Covington

Robin Atlin-Paul and Tiger  
Covington of Nespelem, Washington  
are pleased to announce the birth of  
their new baby boy born on July 3,  
2008 at Coulee Community Hospital.  
Derek Amadeus Covington weighed  
8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 22  
inches at birth.

Sibling is Casey Daniel, age 3.

Maternal grandparent is Alex  
Paul. Paternal grandparent is Cathy  
Covington. Great-grandparent is  
Steve Lukes Sr.

### Omak TANF Summer Youth workers



On Friday June, 27 TANF  
youth workers Amanda Steel and  
Raelyn Marchand Tribal Health  
performed a presentation for the  
WSU Science camp residence at  
PSIS. Raelyn and I performed a  
BB demonstration which made  
the group of 15 kids listen to the  
drop of 38 BB's clanging into  
a metal bowl representing 38  
deaths from drugs, and 222 BB's  
ringing of bbs hitting the metal  
rang through out the classroom

representing 222 deaths from alcohol and for the finally 1200 BB's were  
dropped into the bowl echoing through the classroom sending shivers through  
the children knowing that those 1200 BBs represented 1200 deaths. Those  
deaths knowing full well that they all could have been avoided by simply  
turning down a cigarette or beer or drugs. But instead these people chose to  
abuse drugs, alcohol and tobacco and in the end died.

Then we also performed a Pig Lung demonstration allowing the younger  
children to see how a smoker's lung is affected by tobacco and how well the  
lung performs. We hooked up both lungs first showing the healthy persons  
lung and how far the lung expanded and deflated and how red and healthy  
the lung looked. Next we showed the smokers lung and showed how much  
harder we had to pump to get air into the lungs and how the smoker's lung  
couldn't expand as much as the healthy lung or deflate like the healthy lung.  
The children were asked what they noticed about the healthy lung and the  
smoker's lung and were allowed to come up and feel the difference in both  
lungs. They noticed how the smokers lung had tumors embedded in the lung  
and the discoloration of the lung compared to the healthy none smoker's  
lung.

### CONGRATULATIONS CAYDEN!!!

Cayden attended the Northwest 5D Finals held over the 4th of July  
weekend at Strobel's Arena in Scappoose, Oregon. Rosanne Strobel and the  
Northwest 5D association paid out over \$20,000, awarded 5 horse trailers, 5  
trophy saddles, and many average awards to racers from all over the Pacific  
Northwest and Canada.

The big winner of the Second  
Annual Northwest 5D Finals was  
10 year old Cayden Diefenbach,  
winning the 5D average in the Open  
on her horse JJ. Cayden won a horse  
trailer and trophy saddle. Cayden  
also won over \$1000 in day money.  
In the Youth Division, Cayden also  
won 2nd & 3rd in the 4D average,  
winning a jacket and watch.

Cayden is the daughter of Kevin  
and Roni Diefenbach, granddaughter  
of Lynn and Rick Holder(Omak) and  
great granddaughter of Marcelene  
and William Hubert and the late  
Eddie Palmanteer and Maryanne  
Palmanteer.

## TRIBAL TRIBUNE

COPY DEADLINE - Aug. 19, 2008



Fourth of July Celebration

By Roger Jack  
Tribal Tribune Journalist

In the old days, back when the Fourth of July celebration lasted ten days, the whole circle grounds, directly across from the agency campus, was completely surrounded by teepees and makeshift kitchens constructed and used by families whose ancestors started the celebration years ago. Back then folks relied on horses and wagons to move to the campsite, nowadays we have heavyduty trucks to get us there. But our camps are getting skimpier and skimpier. Long ago folks lined their camps with cut trees for shade, but they are no more. Many kitchens are dilapidated, and go unused. This year only fourteen teepees were set up; of course, some families may not have set up due to a death in their families; however too many vacancies were obvious. As obvious, I guess, as a permanent dance hall or arbor or something.

This year's celebration began with some camp openings and namings at camps as early as June 30th. Several families opted to carry on the custom of inviting folks to their camps for dinners and giveaways. Some ancient Indian names were given our youth. On the Fourth of July, about a hundred and fifty people attended an annual dinner that was free for all. This included many of the Yakama Indian firefighters who were working on the reservation at the time. They served many of the elders seated in the shade of the dance tent. Salmon, deermeat, ham, chicken, salads, and drinks before serving themselves.

Folks attending dinner that day were also treated to entertainment. Our own Stan Timentwa of Omak sang a number of made-up hits he'd compiled in that way he has of entertaining the troops. Also, Tim Swan of White Swan, WA, sang a number of songs he'd written, too. On the Fourth, he'd had a gig booked back on the Yakama Res, but had to cancel because he was fighting fires on the Colville res.

Few riders participated in year's horse parade on Saturday. The powwow committee had recently opted to revive this tradition, and although it had a good run, fewer riders attend. This, too, was an old custom. Back in the day, the oldest of tribal members to the youngest would dress in regalia, bedeck their horses, too, and ride around the circle in commemoration of the old ones. Omak Suicide Racers joined the riders this year, and rode in the parade.

Sunday, the sixth, was kids' day. Organizers greeted incoming kids under the dance tent and then their day began. They raced on foot, busted balloons, tossed eggs until all but the kids tired out.

And then it was Tuesday. The second or third oldest tradition on the res began in the form of Bingo. Bingo is a good way to pass the time, it's not too expensive, at the same time you may win prizes, you're also contributing much needed cash to the committee for expenses they have to undergo for a successful celebration. Folks also played Wednesday evening.

Historically, Thursday is warm up day, and a day for rejoinsings. Not too many people attended as a little boy was named and had a giveaway. And White Hawk drum rejoined after losing a loved one recently. Maybe the blustery, cool temperatures kept people home.

Friday through Sunday seems to be the main event. Hundred of people came to play stickgame, rodeo, shop at vendors booths and food stands, and powwow dance

competition not only from the res, but the entire Pacific Northwestern country. For some, this is what it's all about. Getting together to visit and have fun. And that's all right,

this celebration has been going on for over a hundred years. Sometimes the format may change, but hopefully the results are the same. A lot of people getting together, just to powwow.



Roger Jack Photos



July 2- Spectators of executive order day in Nespelem enjoyed making paper salmon and learning about chiefs from the different bands of Colville Confederated Tribes. Cary Rosenbaum II Photo



The Nespelem Horse Parade had more than a little participation with nearly 30 riders and two food stands open. Cary Rosenbaum II Photo



Nearly 30 riders paraded through the Nespelem Pow wow grounds on July 5th to celebrate the traditional celebration. Cary Rosenbaum II Photo



**Kirsten Brudevold**  
**2008 Graduate Omak High School**  
Congratulations Sis, we love you and are proud of you.  
Dad and Severin



**Congratulations to Brandi Tonasket**  
**for graduating from Beauty School.**  
**We are proud of you.**  
Roberta, Ernie, Valerie, Sueanne, Amanda, Adam & Kati



**Meghan F. Francis**  
Her parents are Debra Francis and Porky Palmer.  
Lake Roosevelt High School, Gates millennium Scholar, Gonzaga University for 4 years, University of Washington for 4 years. President of: Native American Club, National Honor Society and ASB.



**Brian Anthony Stanger**  
**Lake Roosevelt High School**  
**Class of 2008**  
Tribal Members,  
I would like to thank everyone that has helped me through the last 18 years and hope you will be there in the future.  
A special thanks to Jennifer Peoples, Grandma Lottie, Grandma Leona, Grandpa Butch and Grandma Kim, who love me unconditionally. Pat Morin Sr. for all those stories, Bev Abrahamson for all the hugs and kind words, Denise Covington for opening your house to me, Verna and Arnold for all those weekends of wrestling, Val Palmer for telling me how it is and for caring, Tay and Alex for being there at a moment's notice, all my aunts and uncles for letting me be me.



**TEAYA DELLA EPPERSON**  
**LAKE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2008 GRADUATE**

Teaya has worked at Colville Tribal Fire & Rescue during summer vacation for 3 years & volunteered as a Junior Firefighter all through high school.  
(Earning over 200 hours for her senior community service hours)  
For the next year she will be very busy taking a Firefighter 1 course & EMT classes.  
Congratulations Teaya we are very proud of you for the accomplishments you've made in your life!!!!  
Love, Dad, Mom, Chance, Alana, Riley, Janie Mae & the rest of the gang!!!!



**Arielle Anastasia Cawston -**  
**Ipnasapayalaqitsonmy Olympia High**  
**School Graduate, June 16, 2008**  
2005 National Future Business Leaders of America Competition, New Orleans, LA; 2006-2008 WSU Agricultural Research Services Internship; 2006 testimonial regarding WASL concerns to the Washington State Legislature & Governor Gregoire; 2006-2007 Miss Omak Stampede Encampment; 2007-2008 Miss Pa-loots-pu, Washington State University; 2008 Thurston County Individual Diversity Award, 2008 Academic Decathlon Regional Championship; National Academic Decathlon, Orange Co, CA, placing 13th nationally for Public Speaking.  
Arielle was the first Olympia High School graduate to be allowed to wear a feather at graduation.  
We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Tyrone, Issa, Mundo and all your family.



**Glenda K. Ramos/ Leona Tonasket Rubi**  
**Good Job Graduating**  
Good luck at Hair Academy of Hair Design Baez's, Barnaby's, Charley's, Marhcand's, Norwest's, Tonasket's, and the Cohen's.



**Shirlee R.M. Ramos/ Danita Baez**  
Sorry you missed your 8th grade Graduation, but remember we were in Hawaii.

**Archelle L. Ramos**  
Good job finishing your 1st year at Central Washington University.  
Baez's, Barnaby's, Charley's, Marhcand's, Norwest's, Tonasket's, and the Cohen's.





How's it going this month! Our good looking group photo is of Nespelem School 4th Graders at Lost Lake Camp. Thanks for the fun time in May! July is going by fast. A BIG THANKS to everyone, to all of you, for your time and hard work with all the firefighting efforts this month! Stay safe! Talk with you again next month. ☺

## New Casino

*Continued from front page.*

then, tribal archeologists have been monitoring any ground disturbance and today Camille Pleasants, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, recommended to the CBC that this inadvertent discovery required a stop work order.

The resolution passed by the CBC today also directs the Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation, which operates the Tribes' casinos, to look for an alternative site for the new structure.

"We hope that CTEC will be able to find an alternative site in the very near future," Chairman Jerred said. "This is simply a matter of protecting and preserving our culture, history and traditions as our first priority."

The Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation (CTEC) Board of Directors met with the Colville Business Council on Monday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at tribal headquarters in Nespelem, Wash. to discuss the plan for the new Omak casino project.

"Due to the 'inadvertent discovery' by the Tribes' History and Archeology Department during preliminary site work yesterday, we will need to meet with the council to discuss future

development possibilities including alternate sites," said John MacClain, CTEC board chairman. "We will continue to work cooperatively with our tribal leaders and tribal departments to develop the plan that moves this project forward with their support."

CTEC was founded in 1984 and has become the largest, most diverse employer in north central Washington. The company manages 15 enterprises that include a gaming division, recreation and tourism, retail and construction and a wood products division. CTEC is a \$120 million corporation and employs nearly 1,000 people each year.

## Colville Confederated Tribes to Test Live-Capture Gear

NESPELEM, WA —This summer and fall anglers on the Okanogan River, or at its mouth on the Columbia River, may observe live fish-trapping gear in use by fish biologists in the first year of a Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) study of Chinook salmon harvest and brood-stock collection strategies to support planning for a new salmon hatchery at the Chief Joseph Dam. Ground-breaking for the hatchery is expected in 2010.

The tribal study plan is fusing traditional with modern methods of live-capture and selective-harvest to protect and restore Upper Columbia River Spring Chinook and Steelhead, listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The study is also designed to prevent future listing of natural-origin Upper Columbia River summer Chinook, fall Chinook, and Sockeye salmon while securing the Tribes' harvest allocation and supporting brood-stock collection for the Chief Joseph salmon hatchery.

The study is intended to allow select fish (natural-origin and listed fish) to be caught and released alive, while the hatchery-origin fish are harvested for tribal use. Central to the new hatchery's operation is removing hatchery-origin fish from natural spawning and assessing the efficacy of live-capture gear to support hatchery brood-stock collection efforts.

Developing selective fishing strategies for the new CCT salmon hatchery is essential and will support a hatchery program that will provide the release of up to an additional 2 million juvenile summer Chinook and 900 thousand Spring Chinook salmon smolts.

These fish will be acclimated and released in the Okanogan River at 3 different acclimation ponds and in the Chief Joseph Dam tailrace. All the hatchery-origin salmon smolts will have their adipose fin clipped. The Tribes desire to see these fish harvested when they return. These releases should increase the number of adult salmon returning to the upper Columbia River to support natural spawning populations and provide increased recreational and Tribal harvest opportunities.

"We're using tangle nets, beach

seines, dip nets and hoop nets so we don't harm other salmon and trout that may also be captured," explained CCT Salmon Harvest Manager Dale Clark. "We will also be experimenting with a purse seine in early August in Wells Pool upstream of the Okanogan River confluence. All gear will be marked with bright orange buoys and signs to let sport fishers and others on the river know that research is in progress."

Most of the fishing early in the season will be done at night to boost success and avoid anglers.

"The principles are to meet the Tribal harvest allocation, which benefits all fishers in the upper Columbia because it ensures fish pass through the lower river fisheries and return to their area of origin to reproduce and be harvested," explained Joe Peone, Fish and Wildlife Department Director for the Colville Confederated Tribes. "The tribes have decided to utilize harvest

techniques that allow the release of listed and wild fish to increase conservation of wild salmon."

Peone noted that when Grand Coulee Dam was completed in 1942 and Chief Joseph Dam was completed in 1961 they created impassable barriers to salmon migration in the upper section of the Columbia River. "The Colville Confederated Tribes are fortunate in that we retained portions of the Columbia River, and the Okanogan River where salmon still return," he said. "The Colville Tribes retain rights to manage and harvest salmon stocks that originate from these waters. In order to protect that right, we have entered into an agreement with the state for a salmon harvest allocation."

The study is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) through mitigation and fish recovery directives of the Northwest Power Act.

## The Louie family.... "Taking Pride in our tribe!"

Deb and Norma Jean Louie with their family of their 5 children, 5 extended children , close friend and co-grandmother Mary Garvais, and 20 grandchildren, niece and nephew. Deb and Jeanie have devoted their entire lives to raising their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and anyone that needed help and we are so thankful to have them in our lives today. They are truly an inspiration to always keep your family close and to always be willing to help anyone in need. We hope to be able to spend many more years together! WE LOVE YOU MOM AND DAD!

Love  
Jackson, Leslie, Wade, Debbie, Duane, Lovina, Brianna, Tommy, Russell, Alex

## Northwest Indian College

Northwest Indian College at the Colville Tribal Campus is pleased to announce the Wildland Firefighting Courses 2008 have been a big success. Course offerings include: Basic, Refresher, and Crew/Engine Boss. We are pleased to be apart of Tribal Member success in obtaining such skills for employment and assisting with wildland fires on the Colville Reservation.

Class participants also receive

Continuing Education Units (Credits) for attending. We plan to offer more Wildland Firefighting Courses in the future as well as our regular course offerings.

A great big thank you to Jon Batten, Charles LaPlante, Dave Reyes and Melissa Pierre for putting these classes together! For further information, contact Ray Tupling at (509) 634-2631 or Shelly Clark at (509) 634-2797.



### Bioagent Program For Weeds in Full Swing!



Pictured are Chris Adams and Karenia Simpson, and Corey Peone (not pictured) whom have been working with Dan Fagerlie, Project Director, collecting and releasing insects for noxious weeds on the Colville Reservation Integrated Weed Project, funded by Tribal Fish and Wildlife, Range, BAER, and WSU and USFS monies. Over 150 releases have been made this year, for Diffuse Knapweed and Dalmatian toadflax, on Tribal owned or managed land and private lands, within the Colville Reservation. Call 634 2304 or 775 5235 to ask for a insect release request form. Both insects have had dramatic impacts in restoring our grasslands and slowing weed spread!

### Community Gardens Support A Healthy Lifestyle

The Inchelium and Nespelem communities have been involved in developing and maintaining community gardens. Their goals are to create healthy lifestyles by producing a sustainable food source and encouraging nutritious diets with homegrown vegetables. Not only do the community members benefit from the vegetables, but the exercise that they receive while maintaining the gardens is beneficial in managing weight gain and muscle tone. People of all ages can benefit from getting out in the fresh air and working in the dirt to produce nutrient rich food.

The Inchelium Community Garden is headed up by Robin Ferguson. She is a 4-H Leader for the Inchelium Hay Pitchers. Their 4-H Club works in cooperation with members of the Inchelium community to maintain their garden. They also host a Farmers Market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, where members of the community are welcome to sell produce, baked goods and arts & craft items. The Nespelem Garden club has been incorporating WSU Extension Master Gardener taught workshops with their Garden Club meetings, to assist them in their gardening venture. These workshops have been presented by WSU Colville Reservation Extension. The first, held in May, was General Gardening Information, June's workshop was a Landscape Design Class and in July, the workshop will be about Fruit Trees. All of these workshops are free and open to the general public, so come join and learn!

If you would like information about home gardening or upcoming workshops, contact Linda McLean, WSU Colville Reservation Extension Coordinator, at 634-2304, or Dan Fagerlie, WSU Colville Reservation Extension Project Director, at 775-5235.



### SKWaNT 4-H Life and Science Camp Completes Second Year

The Second year of SKwANT 4-H Life and Science Camp was a great success! The science camp is part of a year-long program, that connects WSU and USDA ARS Researcher Scientists with area schools, to offer youth educational opportunities to participate in hands-on science and technology activities At the conclusion of the school year, the WSU Colville Reservation Extension 4-H Challenge Program hosts this Science Camp, along with Paschal Sherman Indian School, USDA and other program partners. While enjoying camp at the Paschal Sherman Indian School campus. and touring the campus of WSU at Pullman, the campers met over 100 volunteers, role model adults, and educators. The WSU Colville Reservation Extension office and the 4-H Challenge Program would like to thank everyone who helped make SKWaNT 4-H Life and Science Camp held on the Colville Reservation successful.



Cooperating Agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA FRTEP Award #2006-41580-03429) and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Colville Agency BIA, and Ferry County. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported to your local Extension office.

**Daniel L. Fagerlie**, Project Director, Ferry County  
**Margaret Viebrock**, Project Director, Dougals County  
**Phil Linden**, 4-H Challenge Coordinator  
**Valerie Gorr**, OAll  
**Linda McLean**, 4-H/ANR Extension Coordinator  
USDA FRTEP Educator  
**Judy Moses**, Family & Consumer Science Coordinator  
WSU Colville Reservation-Ferry County Extension

Cooperating Agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA FRTEP Award #2006-41580-03429) and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Colville Agency BIA, and Ferry County. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported to your local Extension office.



Changes at the San Poil Valley Health Center

Bob Schaller, PA-C, who has served the Keller community’s health care needs since the opening of the San Poil Valley Health Center in August 2005, has announced his retirement, effective August 2nd. We will miss his superior knowledge and skill and honor his unswerving commitment to his patients and his community. Mostly though, we thank him for his service and wish him the best in this next chapter in his life.

Bob provides medical care every MWF from 8:30 to 5:00. Dr Robin Moyer, our Medical Director sees patients on every third Wednesday of the month. Carolyn Fullmer, PA-C travels to Keller every second Thursday of the month. Her specialty is women’s health examinations, but

she is happy to see patients with any health concerns.

We have operated the SPVHC as primarily a drop-in, urgent care clinic up to now. We are shifting our focus to include as a priority a health partnership with our patients, where our goal is to improve your overall health for the long term. This requires a more proactive approach to your care, and a change in our operations. It means regular follow up and monitoring of your care and your health conditions. Of course, urgent care will still be available to serve your immediate health needs. The key to this partnership is scheduling your visits so that we anticipate your needs and can better track progress on your care and

health status. It will also become particularly more important as we transition to a new medical team after Bob Schaller’s retirement. As we prepare for this change, be assured that we will continue to provide the excellent medical services that the Keller community expects. Please call 509-634-7300 to schedule an appointment.

Full service dentistry is provided on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 – 4:30.. Our dentists are Dr Chip Johnson, Dr Gary May, and Dr Paul Concidine. Dr. Concidine began his employment with us on July 1st, and serves both the Keller and Inchelium clinics.

Dental appointments at the Keller site are scheduled, but walk-in

emergencies are accepted when possible. Call for an appointment at 634-7300.

Dr. Concidine and his wife originate from Idaho and have two young daughters. Dr Concidine recently graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry. He also has a Masters degree from Utah State University and is a graduate of Idaho State University. We are excited to have him join our team.

LRCHC is also known as Colville Nations Community Health Center, a separate, single purpose instrumentality of the Colville Confederated Tribes, governed by an independent Health Board to serve the health needs of the public in and around the Colville Reservation

Businesses bounce back from smoking ban

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 10, 2008 — Businesses have bounced back strongly from the effects of the Initiative 901 smoking ban, racking up strong gains in gross income during 2007.

Bars and taverns, which feared being hard hit by the ban on smoking in public places, generated 20.3 percent more gross income in 2007, compared to a meager 0.3 percent gain in 2006, the first full year after the smoking ban took effect in December 2005. Their average growth rate actually was stronger in the two years after I-901 than in the years preceding the ballot initiative.

Full-service, sit-down restaurants continue to appear to be little-affected by the ban, with an 8.7 percent gain in gross business income in 2007 compared to 8.2 percent in 2006 and 8.5 percent in 2005.

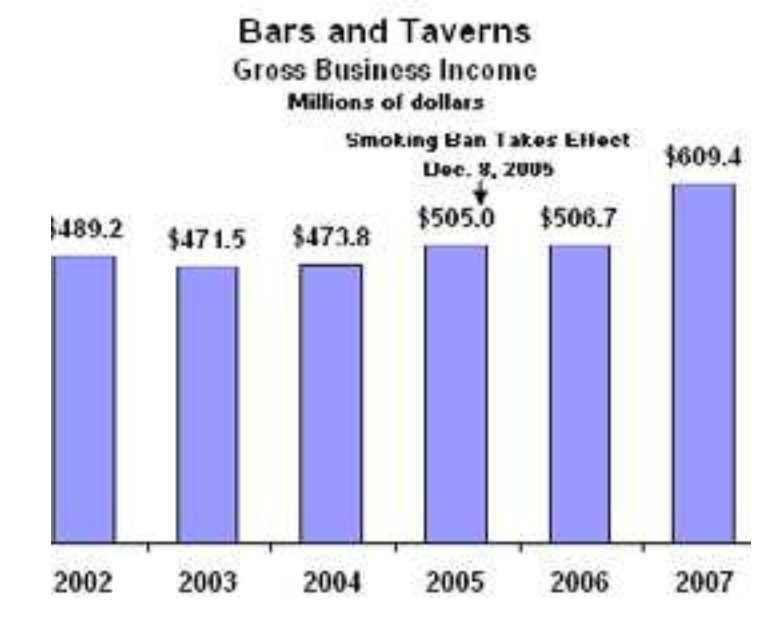
The biggest turnaround was among non-Indian gambling businesses, whose gross income increased 7.2 percent in 2007 after losing 9.8 percent in 2006. The industry had

been in decline before the smoking ban took effect, dropping 5 percent in 2005 and 8.6 percent in 2004 after a 19.5 percent gain in 2003.

The Department of Revenue compiled the data due to continuing interest in this issue. It did not attempt to establish a statistical correlation between the smoking ban and revenues, nor investigate why revenues changed as they did.

“Perhaps patrons are just returning to their favored places because the alternatives were not as convenient,” said Department economist Stephen D. Smith, who compiled the numbers. “We sometimes see this when the price of cigarettes rises due to a tax increase: the short run dip in sales is fairly large, but over time it diminishes.”

A spreadsheet comparing growth rates for both gross business income and taxable retail sales for gambling establishments, restaurants and drinking places is available at [http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Reports/SmokeBan\\_Annual\\_Jun10\\_08.xls](http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Reports/SmokeBan_Annual_Jun10_08.xls).



CCT-Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Provides culturally appropriate vocational guidance and counseling services to individuals who are: a tribal member of a federally recognized tribe, reside ‘ON OR NEAR’ the Colville Indian reservation, and have a documented disability which interferes with obtaining/maintaining productive employment.

We have qualified counselors who provide outreach to all four districts. The only prerequisite for our program is to have the motivation to change

your life for the better. Transitional Services are also provided to young adults, over the age of 16 with disabilities, to gain the tools for independence.

Our office is in the new Employment and Training building on the north end, and our main telephone lines are 509 634 2733 or 509 634 2723.

Call the office to find out if you are eligible for the program, and have a great 2008!

Colville Business Council

*Continued from front page.*

Michael Finley, of Inchelium, was elected Vice-Chairman, and Carleen Anderson of Omak, also elected this year, was selected as Secretary. The Executive Committee of the Council will include its three officers and Andy Joseph as the Nespelem representative.

Councilman Gene Joseph of Nespelem will chair the Tribal Government Committee; Susie Mason, Inchelium, will continue to chair the Law and Justice Committee; Karen Condon, Omak, will continue to chair Employment and Education Committee; Harvey Moses, elected this year from the Nespelem District, will chair Management and Budget

and the Veterans Committees; Carleen Anderson will chair Health and Human Services; Michael Finley will chair Natural Resources; Deb Louie, Nespelem, will continue to chair the Culture Committee; Ernie Williams, a newly-elected Councilmember from Omak, will chair the Community Development Committee.. The Elections Committee will be appointed at a future meeting of the Tribal Government Committee.

Other members of the Council include Juanita Warren, Inchelium, newly-elected this year; John Stensgar of Keller; Virgil Seymour of Inchelium; and Cherie Moomaw of Omak..

Four-Day Work Week

*Continued from front page.*

to address this problem.”

Gonzales said that all employee job responsibilities will remain the same under the 4-10’s workweek, and compensation and benefits will remain unchanged.

“We will evaluate the results of this program in early October, and based upon our findings, decide whether to recommend to the Business Council that we continue on this schedule, modify it, or return to the regular

workweek.”

He said that other tribal governments in rural areas, including the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana, have implemented similar programs to help employees save on commuter expenses.

“We expect that our employees will see a welcome decrease in these costs without a reduction in worker productivity or government services,” Gonzales said.

FAREWELLS

MEMORIAL FOR ROBERT LAVERNE CARDEN



Robert Laverne Carden (Skiyu), age 85, passed away in his sleep on Sunday, June 29, 2008 in Brewster, WA. He was born August 16, 1922 in Monse, WA to William Jr. and Grace (Brown) Carden.

He grew up in the Monse area near the Okanogan River, living with his paternal grandparents, William Sr. and Mary (Timentwa) Carden. He loved to talk about how he roamed the hills hunting for dinner and just being a boy in the country. He was glad that he learned to speak his native language from his grandmother. Speaking the language always reminded him of the stories she would tell him and Auntie Jean. He attended school at St. Mary’s Mission.

Dad and Mom were married February 8, 1946. For several years he followed logging and truck driving. As the family started coming Dad decided to find a more steady employment and began working as

an “all around” heavy equipment operator and so we settled in the Tri-Cities about 1951. To supplement the family income, he studied at home to be a TV & Radio repairman. We always had a TV to watch, but we never owned a TV for a long time. For relaxation, he raced jalopies on the local dirt tracks. He was proud of his “02” car and won many races. After we grew up and left home, Dad and Mom began a new adventure and became owner-operators of an 18-wheeler Peterbilt. He drove for Systems Transport doing long hauls from coast to coast. Mom was the navigator. They were known on the highways as “Slingshot” and “One Red Rose”. They traveled till they came home to Brewster in 1987 where he drove truck for Brewster Heights Packing till his retirement at age 77. Mom’s illness kept him close to home taking care of the love of his life. Mom passed away December 16, 2004.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Doreen, his daughter Laverne Steele, his son Chester Carden, his sister Mary Jean Reese, his brothers Russell, Lloyd (Doc) Carden Sr., and Lloyd Blackwell. He is survived by his children, Roberta (Krist) Baldoz of Yakima, Carol (Jerry) Vining of Coulee Dam, Linda Wilhelm of Brewster, Gary Carden of Coulee Dam, Phyllis Carden of Omak and Sonia Kever of Pasco, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes.

A graveside service was held on July 3, 2008 at the Fort Okanogan Cemetery at Monse, WA. Father Jake Morton and Ernie Williams performed the blessing and prayer services. We want to thank the

Palmanteer family for their kindness. We also wish to thank Aaron Carden, Tillie Timentwa Gorr, Joe Carden and cousin, Gary Carden and all who attended and participated in Dad’s final journey to his resting place

beside Mom.

Dad was a courtesy member of the American Legion Post 97 in Brewster, WA. We wish to thank the cooks and volunteers for the wonderful meal that followed services.

MY IKE  
ALEX LOREN INNES TONASKET  
BORN AUGUST 5, 1948  
TRAVELED ON TO MEET OUR MOM 10/07/06



When we were little, I could not pronounce Alex, it came out “Ike”. We were always together, hiking in the mountains around our home outside of Keller, on “21” mile, building forts, swimming, hunting, fishing, shooting guns, killing groundhogs for their tail.

Playing, pretending cowboys and Indians, camping out in our tree house or miniature log cabin. My dolls were all bald, he would scalp them and wear their hair in his belt,

but that was okay, he could to no wrong. When my parents divorced, Ike was a father to me, always looking out for us.

He worked hard, all his life, he retired from Kaiser after 30 years. There were times we almost lost him, once with a home made fire cracker and another time he was hurt working in our father’s saw mill.

And when he went to Viet Nam, it was a miracle he made it out of there alive. My handsome hero, Sergeant Alex Loren Tonasket, volunteered for the Army, went to Viet Nam, received the bronze star. When he was asked what the worst thing about it was, he answered, “losing my mother”. She was killed by a drunk driver two weeks before he was to come home.

Ike was suck a giving person, you never knew what it would be, one time a large rock that looked like a dolphin, another time a Pendleton blanket, it might be something he won off the punch board or a jacked at a stick game. Big or small, he loved to give gifts. But he was the best gift of all.

He would tell me, “I don’t know what I would do without you Toni.” I never thought I would survive losing him. It’s really hard being alone without my Ike. I miss talking to him, going on road trips, braiding his hair, being with him.

I like to think that he’s not far away and we will be together again soon. Happy Day “Ike”! I sure do miss you.

IN MEMORIAM

In this section, we wish to say farewell to our beloved Colville Tribal Members and send our wishes for health, happiness and faith to their families.

We welcome memorials about your loved ones and friends who have passed away, including photographs and poems if you wish.

Please send your contributions to: Tribal Tribune Memorials, P.O. Box 150, Nespelem WA 99155.

## Memorial Softball Tournament For Loriel Phillips

Open Co-Ed

**12 Man Roster 6 men 6 women**

**3 Out of Park Homeruns per Game**

**WHEN: SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHERE: INCHELIUM SOFTBALL FIELDS**

**ENTRY FEE: \$325.00 DUE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**\$350.00 AFTER SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Money Orders Only Please**

**Mail to:**

**MARSHA PAKOOTAS**

**1114 Central Dr**

**Coulee Dam, WA 99116**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**



I would like to call upon the tribal membership for help

Greetings Tribal members,  
My name is Shad B. St. Paul. I am a registered member of the Colville Tribes. I would like to call upon our members for help. My situation is this: my father's parents split up while my father was young. My grandmother moved away from the reservation, never to return. My father and I, unfortunately, know little of each other and harbor some bitter feelings after the death of my step-grandfather (who is the only one

I ever knew).  
How can you help? The way things stand with my father, I can't figure out that side of my family tree. To this day I've only seen one person with the last name St. Paul. He was in one of the recent issues of the Tribal Tribune. I know my biological grandfather's name was Howey St. Paul. My grandmother's name was Florence St. Paul. Her mother's maiden name was Ellen Arcasia. My grandmother had two brothers, Pat

Martin, who I knew before he passed away. He lived near Kelly Hill for a number of years until he passed. Her other brother was Frenchie and I'm unsure about his last name. I grew up in a rural white farming community south of Spokane, WA. I know almost nothing about my tribal ties. Any and all information you can provide would be deeply, deeply appreciated.  
I'm particularly interested in my great-grandmother's last name

Acasia and where or what band she is from. Also, any living relatives? My father was an only child as am I. So, probably cousins? I've always been very curious but it was a sore subject for my grandmother and I didn't press it. Again, anything is more than I have now.  
Please mail info to: 114 E. Princeton, Spokane, WA 99207.  
Respectfully,  
Shad St. Paul

Many thanks to participants of Nespelem community events

Howdy Howdy:  
We would like to THANK each and everyone of our friends/relatives for all the help, food preparations, set up/clean up and attending Owhi camp opening (smiley face camp) on 7/2/08.  
We ate a lot of good food and we visited many friends/relatives that evening. THANK YOU ALL. I would also like to thank all of my friends/relatives for riding in the 2008 Horse Parade of the 4th of July Pow Wow with me. Especially my nephew Winfred Pakootas & family

letting me ride your horse in the parade. I am not on any committee but I do love to ride horses and very THANKFUL that each and everyone of you took the time and came and rode the parade on for providing horses so that each of us could ride in the parade.  
THANK each and everyone that was involved to make the 4th of July 2008 Pow WOW a big success. Especially my cousin, Aletha Heath who is on the committee and in her (spare time) helped me open our camp. Feed the people through out

the pow wow. You put in a lot of time, work and what a successful pow wow you and the committee done. I would like to say THANK YOU and keep up the good work. We appreciate it and I know not too many say thank you but do know there is many of us that appreciate all your hard work and the love you put into the 4th of July Pow Wow in Nespelem.  
We are so proud of our Grandson (Roscoe Owhi) for greeting the people, high-five and knuckles... and he would give everyone water

through out the pow wow. Roscoe is learning young and yes, tradition will go on. Roscoe will feed the people...  
We are so proud of LeLand, Ryan, Erin, grandchildren of Roy & Jeannie Moon.  
These kidlets came to the camp and handed plates of food to the people through out the pow wow. They worked really hard making sure the people ate. Thank you for helping us out. All the people that helped we really appreciate all the help.  
Stub Owhi & family

Please mark this date on your calendars tribal members

Dear Tribal Members:  
The Nez Perce Trail Foundation is having its annual meeting at West Yellowstone, MT on September 26 and September 27. During the Chief Joseph War, 1877, the Nez Perce traveled through Yellowstone hoping to escape the US Army on their way to Canada to join Sitting Bull. They were only about 40 miles from Canada at the Bear Paw Mountains when they were surprised by Colonel Miles who forced them to surrender.  
On October 5, 1877, Chief Joseph surrendered, saying that the chiefs are dead, his brother Ollokot was

dead, and many women, children and elders were dead. Those that were alive were starving and freezing.  
White Bird, one of the few remaining chiefs, refused to surrender and escaped with some of his members to Canada and he never returned to the US.  
Yellow Wolf, Chief Joseph's daughter and my grandfather, Daniel Jefferson, also escaped to Canada. Some of the escapees longed to return to their homeland. When they returned to the US, some were sent to Indian Territory to join Chief Joseph. Others managed to escape the US Army by living with other

tribes or by moving from reservation to reservation.  
What happened to Chief Joseph and his people in Indian Territory? A book written by J. Diane Pearson called "The Nez Perces in Indian Territory, Nimiipuu Survival." Dr. Diane Pearson teaches Indian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She spent years researching the plight of the Nez Perce, Cayuse and Palus bands during the eight years of incarceration in three different camps – Fort Leavenworth, the Quapaw reservation and the Ponca Agency. Her book, in her words: "It reveals how one Native

group survived tragedy, strengthened American Indian sovereignty and self-determination, and advanced the struggle for civil rights."  
Dr. Diane Pearson will be the keynote speaker at our annual meeting. Tribal Members, please mark these dates on your calendar. We have members from many states, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. We would like more Colville members to attend our meeting as well as join the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, a non-profit organization.  
Sincerely,  
Ruth M. Wapato

We need to focus on being realistic, rather than idealistic

I would like to express a belated 'Thank You' to all those who supported me in the primary election. With the general election now finalized, my hope is that we can get back to the important issues of the tribe and be concerned more about whether our own stuff's together instead of passing judgment on how other folks are supposed to act... a mentality that seems to come with elections.  
Its seems like individuals and groups never really achieve their fullest potential, because of problems of tribalism and nepotism in Indian politics.  
My hope and expectations for our old and newly elected leaders is that they focus on being more 'realistic' rather than idealistic.

Because you can not go out there and do any kind of significant political work or organizing and be idealistic. However, if as a group 'we' concentrate on a few specific problems, we can make a difference. We need our elected officials to step up and lead. We can not keep doing what we've always done---pretending that people and resources (children) are somehow not our own. Sure, we need to be concerned about our tribal infrastructure and businesses, but we need to take care the people and address the break down in traditional values, and the heartbreaking destruction to Indian families due to the heavy influence of drugs in our community. In listening to the youth in the community, they say...'everyone does it'. Well, as a

community we need to be asking ourselves, if this is how we want to be defined by "our children" and the outside community to being submissive and tolerant to drugs in the community.  
If we are going to progress as a tribe in a free society, our people must learn to work together to build healthy communities rather than fight with each other over self serving interests. That said---the biggest challenge for our old and new leaders is for them to act mature and learn to disagree without being disagreeable--that its possible to compromise so long as you know those principles that can never be compromised; and that so long as were willing to listen to each other, we can assume the best

in people instead of the worst.  
In closing, God Bless you all.  
Preston Boyd

Disrespect

This letter goes out to the disrespectful person who went into my Sisters house and stole money out of Loriel's wallet. You should be ashamed of yourself. You know whose money you were stealing! The first thing you saw when you opened that wallet was Loriel's ID. I hope you know Karma comes back 3X's fold.  
My sister Tigger opens her house to anyone in need. For someone to take advantage of her generosity should be totally disgraced. \$3.00. Is that really worth the feeling you have inside of yourself right now? You could have asked any of us and we would have loaned you \$3.00.  
Did you really have to steal from my DECEASED nieces wallet??? Come on now!  
Michelle Boyd (Phillips)  
Inchelium, WA.

Thank You

Wy Hust—Lim Limp!  
I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in the 2008 primary and general elections. No matter the result, I am appreciative of all the new voters who turned out to support me in the election. Not to mention those of you who have stood with me through the years. I am very grateful. Some people are afraid of change. It doesn't mean that we should give up.  
I will continue to fight for what is right for our future and that of the seventh generation. Although I was not elected, feel free to call on me, if I can be of assistance to you. Your opinion is valid and helps shape our reservation.  
Again, Thanks!  
Billie Jo Bray

Letters To The Editor

*Letters to the Editor are published at the discretion of the Editor, as space permits. No letter which contains defamatory or malicious statements will be published. Any letter which contains questionable material will be sent to the Office of Reservation Attorney for legal review. All letters must contain the writer's signature, address, and telephone number (if available). Letters NOT signed will not be published.*  
*Letters are limited to 450 words. Letters exceeding 450 words may be published if space allows and the Editor so chooses. The Editor reserves the right to edit any letter for content, clarity, and length.*  
*Views and opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor, complimentary or critical, are those of the writer of the letter. They are not endorsed by the Tribal Tribune staff, Tribal Administration, Tribal Business Council, or the Colville Confederated Tribes' membership as a whole.*

Response to Condon Update

Letter to the Editor:  
I read with great interest Karen Condon's "Condon Update" in the May edition to the Tribal Tribune, in particular her future plans in economic development for Employment & Training, TERO and TANF. Ms. Condon stated her involvement in working on a new draft of the 477 Plan and this plan will outline what services the Tribe will offer to the membership with a separate section that will focus on economic development and job creation. I couldn't help but feel this was presumptuous of Ms. Condon to make these statements for several reasons: first of all, Ms. Condon belongs to the legislative body of the Tribe and should not be involved with management responsibilities; secondly, there is a resolution, passed by full Council, that no individual Councilperson is to be involved with programs on an individual basis without the consensus of full Business Council; thirdly, the new draft she was talking about is the new Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-2011 which is done by the manager of E&T every three years and submitted to Council for approval and last, but not least, the services provided by E&T are specific within the 477 Plan and have been provided to the membership since 1996 when E&T became a 477 program.  
Economic development is nothing

new to the 477 program, it has always been written in the Plan, through the WIA regulations, but was not utilized that much. The Federal Partners in Washington D.C. have already notified the Tribes that the WIA dollars will decrease effective October 1st of this year.  
Last I heard there are 50+ 477 Tribal programs throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii and out of those 50+ programs there is only three if not four programs who have TANF under their 477 program. Tribes have chosen not to put TANF under their 477 program for a couple of reasons: the main reason deals with the Federal Partners (DOL, HHS and BIA) in Washington D.C. legislation need to change. If our TANF is placed under the 477 program TANF will lose money, now I ask you with the economical situation of the Colville Tribes can we afford to give money back to the State and Federal government? In November or December the last Council passed a resolution to have someone look into the pros and cons of having TANF under 477 and that is the only direction the Council has given.  
In all due respect Ms. Condon is the Chairman of Education and Employment Committee and as such she needs to work legislatively with the programs under that committee.  
Sheilah Cleveland

Help me pick up the pieces

To Whom All it Concerns,  
I Bonnie LeeAnn Roberson was born Bonnie Signor. Can I please get info on Roseabelle Friedlander, my mother, and Edward Henry Signor, my father. I would appreciate any recollections, stories and especially pictures of them. I have never seen their faces and want to know them and any siblings and relatives I may be related to. I used to be called Beanie; I am now 50 years old and

want to know all I can about our tribal history. There are 28 brothers and sisters out there – somewhere.  
Does anyone know them or where my mom and dad are laid to rest? I would love to visit them. Can you help me? Do you have a copy of the family tree I could have?  
Sincerely,  
Bonnie Roberson  
32659 Reinbold Rd. E.  
Davenport, WA 99122

I need to curtail my tribal “wish list” here

Wai! A belated thank you to those who supported me in the General Election.  
To the newest council-elects, and re-elected incumbents, tribal members decided you were the best able to do the job, so serve the people with honor and dignity. Watchdogs like me, will remind you of the responsibility to the people, and the sanctity of the constitution you swear to uphold. I will continue to lobby on the memberships behalf to make life better for all of us, especially our younger generations and young families. I will advocate for the comfort of the Elders, Veterans, and the lower paid employees, TANF clients, GAU clients, children & families in need. We as a tribe, have much to be grateful for because Election 2008 did impact our tribal history. Your votes do make a difference.  
My ideas for consideration are:  
1.) MANDATORY DRUG &ALCOHOL TESTING for ALL council members within 24-hours of the swearing-in ceremony.  
2.) Mandatory Quorums for all council committee meetings, or \$500.00 DOCK IN PAY for Committee Chair and members who

do not make quorum without merit, (based on the “\$500.00 per meeting stipend” the Gaming Commissioners receive).  
3.) Program Administrators and Managers continue to research alternative funding sources for tribal programs through grants, third-party reimbursements, etc., and continue financial cuts where excess spending and travel are identified. A “grants writers department” (2 or 3 individuals?) to pump out financial grant applications daily.  
4.) Employees under investigation for impropriety, misconduct, or embezzlement NOT be allowed to freely roam tribal offices, or property, or be awarded tribal contracts of any sort for personal gain during their investigation.  
5.) MANDATORY RANDOM DRUG ANDALCOHOL TESTING FOR THE CTEC BOARD, bi-monthly face-to-face meetings with CTEC Board, and quarterly audits of CTEC until their top-heavy management is streamlined and tribal members are the majority of CTEC Department Heads, Managers, and employees. CTEC Board members #1 criteria: be located primary to, or reside on, the reservation. We pay too

much per diem and travel to CTEC board members who live across the states to return for meetings.  
6.) Insist the 80%-20% financial agreement between CTEC and the tribes be revised. The tribe's General Fund deserves a COLA from the 80%-20%.  
7.) Improve Tribal Elections. Change tribal elections to “poll votes only” like traditional tribes. Hold tribal elections on the day 181-D checks are distributed. In the least, staple the actual absentee ballot request with legitimate signature, to the outside of the returned envelope with legitimate signature, for Election Committee review. Current Absentee Ballot voting leaves room for doubt. Revisit the “four district” boundaries.  
Remember this is simply my opinion. I need to curtail my “wish list” here. “Remember, never doubt the power of a small group of dedicated people, indeed they have changed the world”. In spiritual faith, tradition and culture, I remain your advocate in any way I can help.  
Take care. Lam-Lampt,  
Charlene “Was~Way”BearCub, MED.

TRIBUNE DEADLINE  
AUGUST 19, 2008

**COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES**  
**Is recruiting for vacant positions**

For more information, please log onto the Tribes website at:  
[www.colvilletribes.com](http://www.colvilletribes.com)  
or e-mail:  
[jobs@colvilletribes.com](mailto:jobs@colvilletribes.com)  
You may contact the Tribes' Human Resources Office at:

Post Office Box 150, Nespelem WA 99155  
Toll Free: (800) 506-9434 - Fax: (509) 634-2864



# 28 YEARS LATER

## Lakes, Colvilles and other bands impacted by Grand Coulee Dam flooding return to the original location of The Ceremony of Tears to celebrate a day of mourning and prayer in hopes that the salmon will one day return

For the first time in 28 years, Doll Watt was able to wear her regalia in the township of Kettle Falls without raising the brows of locals.

A group of Inchelium community members, whose ancestors once fished the noisy waters as a vital part of culture and survival, came together to resurface and replenish the event that became known as The Ceremony of Tears following the flooding of the Grand Coulee Dam and indefinite loss of the salmon in 1939.

“I had silent tears,” Watt said when first informed. “I choked up and everything because I was so proud of whoever brought this back, because it’s been needed and long overdue.”

It was May 18, 1980, and the annual date of what was formerly known as “Salmon Days” was held near the once-treasured, now decimated primary fishery of area tribes. Drumming and dancing began in mourning and prayer that the salmon would one day jump again at the Falls, when the blue sky darkened and began raining ash.

“The Police had to come here and tell us a volcano erupted and we said ‘oh no there’s no volcano’s in Washington,’” Watt recalled. “They said, ‘really, it’s Mount St. Helens and it just erupted.’ We ignored it and danced again and they came back and told us we had to leave and it was serious.”

Mount St. Helens claimed 57 lives that day, which is commonly noted as the deadliest and most economically destructive volcanic event in the history of the United States.

While much of the aftermath of the explosion was negative, Watt chose to symbolically view it as a positive message of change from her ancestors.

“They called the basalt rock that comes from volcanoes our ancestors because some of those rocks are 10,000 years old and if you go down to the sharpening stone down here, archeologists consider our people to be here for 9,000 years,” Watt said. “Our elders have always said we’ve been here over 10,000 years. In our sweat house we use those rocks and we call them our ancestors, the rock people. When that big rock exploded, the first thing I thought was that the ancestors were upset because we are not taking care of our land the way that we should.”

“They’re upset that we have dammed the mighty Columbia,” she continued. “They’re very upset because we can’t have our salmon anymore. It’s an expression of tears of ash and the mountain was crying. It’s telling those people, to stop putting those dioxins in the river. It changed our whole way of life and way of culture. Wake up and start taking care of our land and our water.”

Inchelium Councilman Michael O. Finley was a pivotal figure in organizing the group of people that replenished the event under the new title of “The Celebration of the Ceremony of Tears.”

With research the group has compiled, they attempted to make the first year back as authentic as possible under the time constraints.

“It’s similar to the same gathering they had in 1939,” Inchelium Councilman Michael O. Finley said. “They had what they called ‘The Ceremony of Tears’ in tribute to Kettle Falls and the loss of the fishery which was going to happen with the backwaters of Grand Coulee Dam when it flooded our lands.”

“They did what we did today: they came together as a people,” he continued. “They had stick games and a traditional salmon feast. We try to replicate ‘39 and we’re really pleased with the gathering we had today.”

The celebration featured a pow wow-like atmosphere with dancing, drumming, stick games and provided an educational approach to outsiders and newcomers to the event through motivational and historical open-mic speeches from elders, community members and council

members Finley and Virgil Seymour of Inchelium.

Also on the agenda, were the viewing of traditional ways to prepare meals with tribal members Jackie Finley(camas) and Rick Desautel(salmon).

Councilman Finley said the importance of the gathering is that it helps identify who the Arrow Lakes and Colville

bands were as people.

“If and when we ever get salmon back in Kettle Falls, we need more than just our people to remember,” he said. “We need the outside people to know what this area means to us and why it’s important, and that was the purpose.”

“We also remember that the Wells Dam, Bridgeport Dam and the Grand Coulee Dam and not only did it change the Sinixt(Lakes) and original Colville bands, it changed many other tribes too,” said Watt.

Tribal members from the Kalispel tribe showed up in support of the event and also brought one of the four drums.

“Their people used to come

fish here too... That’s the important thing here is that it wasn’t limited to just the Lakes band,” Finley said. “It was the Colville, all of our bands, the Kalispel, the Spokane even as far as Montana and way up into British Columbia. It was that big of a fishery.

Finley reached out to community members for support, following years of declining participation in tribal members at the other site.

“In years prior, the Louie family has been in charge,” said Finley. “The last five to 10 years it’s had a quarter of the people we’ve had here today. We knew there was a need to resurrect it’s gathering, otherwise we were going to lose it.”

Finley said there were even older folk that recalled the event. “People who were familiar with it before are saying, ‘Hey I remember this gathering.’ They thought it hasn’t been held since 1980 and that’s not the case,” he said. “It’s been held across the river, but part of the problem over there was access, people complained about the location.”

The event was normally held on the same weekend as Hoopfest or Last Name Tournament, sporting events that have become as culturally synonymous as “Salmon Day’s” once was and “The Celebration of the Ceremony of Tears” hopes to become.

“We looked at that and said we’re going to change the venue, change the date and change the name,” Finley said. “If they knew it had a new name, they knew it would be a new thing to get back to what it was. That’s why we went to the old title of “The Ceremony of Tears.” We didn’t want to make it sound like a sad event, so we named it ‘The Celebration of

the Ceremony of Tears’ in honor of the event.”

Those weren’t the only problems that affected the ceremony prior to this year, according to fellow event coordinator Trudi Tonasket.

“It was becoming like AA camp where we were getting a lot of the crowd you really didn’t want to overtake it,” she said. “The things they did was good but it amounted to nothing. Today, we have four drums which is great. So many people have come up to us today and said ‘this is amazing.’ This is way better: size wise, planning wise, everything. People were ready for it to come back here again. We asked the museum committee and they said, ‘oh yeah, just come back.’ We didn’t know it would be that easy.”

With the event back in full-swing, questions are already of arising of what next year will offer.

Watt, one of the most seasoned veterans of the event and a soon-to-be elder, mentioned the following as a significant future upgrade: An arbor for the elders because of how hot the day was, which she hopes would draw more elder participation.

“What I’ve noticed, the first thing I noticed is a lot of our elders have passed away. Looking around there’s not very many elders. I’m talking real elders,” she said. “There’s few elders from Inchelium and then there’s a few from Nespelem and it’s that noticeable. Another thing noticeable is there’s not many dancers here. We’re still having fun though and that’s what it’s all about.”

Watt went on to describe the significance elders play in Tribal culture: “they remember the stories, the history, the traditions and the cultures. We’ve always been an oral people: talking and teaching.”

“Many years ago, the elders would get up and talk about our relatives, histories, legends and teachings,” she continued. “That’s why it’s so important to listen to our elders and what they have to say. They might just have a little story but it’s really important to learn and pass on from generation to generation.”

While the amount of elder participation didn’t satisfy her, Watt said there were very positive aspects of this year’s celebration, and that was the amount of youth in attendance.

“There’s so many children here, that means the parents and grandparents are teaching their young children to carry this tradition on,” she said. “And that’s a great thing.”

Finley said of future upgrades: “In 1811, David Thompson came here and that’s a big deal for the outside world. We might try to work our way up to a bicentennial thing. My family has a history in the David Thompson expeditions because Jacques “Jocko” Finley was his right hand man and he helped establish The Spokane House. I guess the first structure was Spokane House. The whole purpose is first and foremost our people. That’s just an option I’ve heard our people talk about.”

Expect the Celebration of the Ceremony of Tears to become an annual event, held on a weekend that differs from the two major sports tournaments, and don’t be afraid to lend a helping hand to a vision of a restored cultural event that traces back to nearly 80 years ago.

“I think this event is going to continually impact the tribe in a real positive way because it’s a coming together of the people,” Tonasket said. “We haven’t came together on this side of the river in so long.”

Finley wanted to send praise to the members that participated: “Last year’s turnout was ungenerous. The community really turned out this time. We have a lot more research now available and we’re a unit getting it done rather than having a few doing it. Both factors really made a difference.”

-STORY, PHOTOS AND LAYOUT BY CARY ROSENBAUM II



Jackie Finley traditionally cooked camas.



Everyone enjoyed the friendship dance.



Kyla Swan, Shelly Boyd and Doll Watt dancing.



Rick Desautel filets salmon for the feast.



The Noisy Water People were the host drum.



Children that didn’t dance enjoyed the set activities.



Helping carry on a tradition and having fun too.



A traditional men vs. women stick game being played.

## Councilman Michael O. Finley speaks on the importance of the Celebration of the Ceremony of Tears



Finley(left) greets Kalispel member JR Bluff.

For thousands of years, our people(The Lakes Band) have come south of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel to Kettle Falls and this is kind of their southern boundary.

A lot of people say that the Colvilles were the owners but the Lakes played a big roll in that as well. This was their main fishery. They came here every year to fish. It wasn’t till the Hudson Bay company came in that [Lakes people] started staying around here on a more permanent basis. There’s other mitigating factors that went into that and some people might say otherwise, but Hudsons Bay did have a huge impact on why our people stayed here on a more permanent basis.

That being such an important fishery to our people, it’s important we continue those traditions because if we ever get salmon back here again we need to know what to do, and have an idea of what our people did when salmon were once here and we did. We got together in this area and gathered and had a good time.

Granted, We weren’t fishing most of the time(today), we need to know that this is an important area and if we don’t continue to hold gatherings here, people are going to forget why this area is important, they’re going to forget about Kettle Falls.

This is our identity in many ways. The salmon are our identity. It’s who we were as people. Our “Sinixt” means “bull trout.” We were fish people. “Shwaleep” is noisy water. I think knowing the native name to the land is the law of the land and without that we lose our identity.

I really think that 50 years to 100 years from now the feds are going to call us or something and ask us what makes you different than other people, why should you get this special treatment? And if we don’t act different than mainstream America, we can get those rights stripped away from us. We gotta keep our identity as much as possible, because we’ve already lost so much to assimilation, whether it be religious or government forced boarding schools.

There’s a whole bunch of factors to put into it. If we sit around and cry about it for too long we’re going to miss out on everything and lose everything. So we’re going to pick up the pieces and go forward with what we have and that’s why it’s important.



With a lack of elders, the younger generation helped carry the Celebration of the Ceremony of Tears.



TRIBAL TRIBUNE  
SERVICE & SOURCE DIRECTORY

Office Number (509) 634-2223  
Fax Number (509) 634-4617

FOR SALE

**BELVEDERE**  
1 Fee Acre with unfinished home. No reasonable cash offer refused.  
Tribal preference, appointment only, vojnamrandy@yahoo.com Please send me a message.

For Sale: 5 Acres at Rebecca Lake, #6 Spot. Tribal members only. (509) 633-1641

**10.00 ACRES OF TRUST PROPERTY FOR SALE (101-275-D).**  
Property located 4 miles south of Nespelem, WA and along Highway 155. Land characters consist of panoramic mountain-view and a valley to the west. There are no improvements. Access is via paved all-weather road. Power lines are in the vicinity of the subject property. Property owner is asking \$19,350.00. Contact BIA Realty at (509) 634-2346 or Toll Free 1-888-881-7684, ext. 2346 for more information.

**Equipment For Sale  
Nespelem Community Center Work-out Room**  
Lat pull down machine  
Leg press  
Chest fly machine  
Tricep pull down machine  
Ab Crunch bench  
One bench  
Hamstring curl machine  
Leg extension curl machine  
Military press station  
Please call Dan at 634-2370 with your Bid. If your price is right and you have the truck and manpower to haul it away then it is yours. I have to remove ALL this equipment before the start of August. Please come see the equipment if you like.

**COLVILLE TRIBAL CREDIT CORPORATION VEHICLES FOR SALE**  
  
**1981 KENWORTH LOGGING TRUCK AND 1986 CASCADE LOG TRAILER**  
Accepting Bids  
Property sold in "AS IS" condition  
ASKING BID: \$9,500.00

Offers to purchase are to be submitted to Colville Tribal Credit Corporation by August 31, 2008. Please submit bid in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Bid Enclosed, YELLOW LOG TRUCK". Bids can be mailed to: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, P.O. Box 618, Nespelem, WA 99155 or emailed to Meghan.finley@colvilletribes.com  
Tribal members interested in financing through Colville Tribal Credit Corporation must apply for a loan at the time they send in their bid before August 31, 2008.  
For additional information, or to look at vehicle, please call Colville Tribal Credit Corporation at (509) 634-2658. Colville Tribal Credit Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**1998 KENWORTH LOGGING TRUCK AND 1996 VAN RADEN LOG TRAILER**  
Accepting Bids  
Property sold in "AS IS" condition  
ASKING BID: \$38,725.00  
Offers to purchase are to be submitted to Colville Tribal Credit Corporation by August 31, 2008. Please submit bid in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Bid Enclosed, BLUE LOG TRUCK". Bids

DOODLE’S TEEPEE  
Brain-Tanned  
Buckskin  
Doodle Stewart

509-633-8396  
P.O. Box 174, Elmer City, WA 99124

ROOT DIGGERS  
RUGGED AND DURABLE  
DIGGERS & MEAT DRYING RACKS  
BY FRANK R. FRY  
(509) 422-1949  
OKANOGAN, WA

CLASSIFIEDS

Mission to the Word

Continued from front page.

things to make ourselves feel good,” he said.  
As far as the activities the group took part in, “We painted the social services building and sign,” Krueger said. “We worked on Naomi Dick’s home, painted the outside, cleaned and painted the inside and build a woodshed for her, and in July we’ll be back to put in a new floor covering there. We also painted the interior and did some cleanup at Mo Sam’s place. We had a team go up to Inchelium and do yardwork and vacation bible school. We also had a music ministry here with us.”  
The group normally comes in the last full week in June in Nespelem and the last week of July in Omak, but the process begins earlier.  
“Usually in September and October

we start calling various churches throughout the United States and ask them if they want to send a team to the Colville Reservation,” Krueger said. “Usually the latter part of April we come here for a weekend with the team leaders from each church and take them around the site and get them familiar with the lodging and better prepare their team.”  
Prior to coming to the Colville Indian Reservation, the group did a nine-year stint on the Yakima Reservation.  
The group currently visits the following reservations, according to Krueger: “The Lummi Reservation, The Omaha Reservation, reservations in Arizona, the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina, the Chippewa Reservation in Minnesota, four

Cree Reserves in Alberta and a Cree Reserve in Moose Factory, Ontario.”  
Of this year’s “team’s,” one had never been to Washington State or an Indian Reservation. Reverend Lee Lovett’s Northside Presbyterian Church group from Winder, Georgia made the long journey and found enjoyment in the land and food.  
“We got a good impression and we had a good week. We enjoyed meeting people and really everyone was quite friendly,” Lovett said. “We were over in Inchelium and sang at the senior center and had a great time visiting with them. It’s a dry area compared to our climate in Georgia.”  
And the group was also new to Indian Tacos, which were served the

final night of the week.  
“I’m always to try something new, especially a native specialty,” Lovett said.  
Overall, Krueger feels that each year their group gains more recognition around the Reservation and can’t wait to be back.  
“As people get to know us and get to know the teams, there’s been a great response by the various departments and people,” he said. “They’re getting more and more friendly and we’re feeling much more comfortable and at ease with them too. All people that come here are Christians, we’re not here to push our faith but if they ask us we tell them we’re here to share Christ’s love.”

Omak Creek Salmon

Continued from front page.

years, spearheaded by our Fish and Wildlife department, and some funding from Bonneville Power Company, the creek was cleared of alien debris and the dirty water that ensued. And it has paid off. At present, salmon stock may be raised in salmon pens, but now they’re free. And they’re thriving. It’s an historic and joyous time for our people in the Omak area.  
Tribal elder Lionel Orr was selected to gaff a twelve to fourteen pounder. He pulled the salmon from the creek and Dale Clark clubbed it. It was then taken to the Omak longhouse kitchen where Dale gutted it; the next day the women cooked it for ceremonious consumption. Approximately two hundred people assembled for the dinner, each received a portion of the first fish taken and then the speeches began.  
Outgoing tribal chairman from the Omak district, Mike Marchand, was glad to see the fruition of one project he’d supported on behalf of all Colvilles. Mike’s mother, Thelma Cleveland Marchand, was from the Okanogan and Wenatchee bands, while his father’s people were from the Lakes area. Derived from a lineage of chiefs of long ago, Mike spoke of the need for people to have

food, moreso than money or other modern conveniences. And this is ours. Salmon’s one of our native foods.  
Due to illness, Omak tribal elder Mary Marchand was unable to attend the gathering. In her place one after the other tribal councilmen, former councilmen, and soon-to-be sworn in councilmen spoke about the importance of salmon recovery on the reservation and, possibly, restocking aboriginal salmon spawning grounds, too. Some remembered old Kettle Falls, the fishery inundated by the Lake Roosevelt waters. Some recollected the old Salmon chief at Kettle Falls. Others remembered old chiefs from bands of our tribal confederacy, and other tribes from near and far who fished there. It was a day of remembrance.  
But, it was a day too, to remember some of the people responsible for the day. Many of the government representatives were awarded Pendleton blankets for the roles they played in assisting tribal personnel in studying, evaluating, and implimenting plans of operation for the Omak Creek project. (Remember the pictures of the salmon traps in the Omak Creek falls? You may see them again.) And, of course, everything

costs money. These folks also contributed to that effort, too.  
And then there were our Fish and Wildlife staff and directors. If not braving that and proceeding from there, maybe this event would not

have occurred. Out never ending thanks goes out to these people. The people (and Mourning Dove) that brought the salmon back to the people.

Reservation Fires

Continued from front page.

and BIA employees along with emergency fire fighters and crews from across the region who have volunteered their time to step in to help the effort in containing the fires that threaten our tribal land.  
Mount Tolman Fire Center has responded to and contained a total of 71 fires within reservation boundaries since June 30, that were caused by lightening storms and fireworks with only a few eating up more than a thousand acres. The largest fires were the Jackass Butte, Stubble Field Point, and the French Valley fires.  
The Inchelium district had the Abraham Canyon and Wilmont fires accumulating to almost 600 acres and stationed almost 250 people in

the Inchelium community. Crews and tribal employees had packed up the Inchelium Complex fire camp on Saturday morning, July 19th.  
The much needed break is here for the time being and the Mount Tolman Fire Control Center would like to thank their crews and employees, along with all volunteers and on-call workers for the tremendous effort in containing this year’s large fires.  
Much more fire prevention is needed to be done by our Tribal Fire Control and Natural Resource Departments and our tribal members in order to keep future fires to a minimum. From the hot and windy weather to left over fireworks from the 4th of July, new fire possibilities are a day to day threat.

Fire Destroys Agency Campus Structures

NESPELEM, WA JULY 15—The Agency Campus was the scene of a fire that consumed an abandoned house and storage shed along with the Information Technology garage and equipment storage facility.  
Several large explosions spread the fire across the road. Quick action taken by the fire crews stopped the blaze before it had a chance to reach the top of the hill. Fire fighters from the Colville Tribes Fire and Rescue Team, Mount Tolman Fire Center and neighboring Fire Departments from as far away as Electric City responded.  
Fire crews were able to save the Information Technology office building that is located adjacent to their storage garage.  
Nearby offices were evacuated and on-lookers were moved back as a precautionary measure because of the

risk of exposure to toxic smoke.  
A helicopter with a water bucket assisted the fire suppression efforts on the hillside and an airplane made several drops of retardant along the fire line.  
Several hours later crews were mopping up and Colville Tribal Police were on the scene to begin their investigation.  
After the smoke cleared the IT staff was able to inventory their losses. Items lost in the fire include a boom truck and backhoe, copiers, computers and supplies. The total monetary loss for IT Department is over \$150,000.00. This figure does not include the cost of fire suppression amassed by responding departments.  
The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Justina Campbell Photo



Justina Campbell Photo